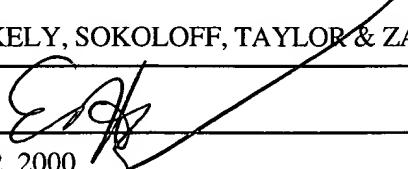


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101	690	201	345	Utility filing fee			
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107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee			
108	690	208	345	Reissue filing fee			
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee			

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Total Claims	32	-	Extra	Fee from below	=	Fee Paid
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Multiple Dependent Claims

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20		
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104	270	204	135	Multiple Dependent claim		
109	78	209	39	Reissue independent claims over original patent		
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification			
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination			
112	920	112	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
113	1,840	113	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within first month			
116	380	216	190	Extension for response within second month			
117	870	217	435	Extension for response within third month			
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for response within fourth month			
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for response within fifth month			
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal			
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing			
138	1,360	138	1,360	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidably			
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentionally			
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee			
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee			
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications			
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))			
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Serial No. 09/540,470)
Filed: March 31, 2000)
For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING)
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN)
DEVICES)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, please add --This application claims the benefit of
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